

# THE NEWS IN BRIEF

A GENERAL SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE WEEK GATHERED FROM ALL OVER.

Mayor Malone announced that an increase in taxes, now 1.91, would be the first effect of the state-wide law for Memphis.

Three negroes met a shocking death in Ruleville, Miss., when the calaboose in which they were confined burned.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Stuart K. Lupton of Tennessee to be consul at Messina, Italy, to succeed vice Dr. Arthur S. Cheney, who was killed in the recent earthquake.

King Alfonso has signed a decree conferring upon Queen Helena of Italy the grand cross of the Order of Beneficence, in recognition of her labors in behalf of the survivors of the Italian earthquake.

Over the veto of Governor Patterson both houses of the Legislature passed the Senate bill which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles of a schoolhouse in Tennessee, and is in effect a state-wide prohibition act.

A feature of the Senate proceedings was the speech of Senator Frazer (Dem.) of Tennessee. He discussed the Brownsville affair, and condemned the colored troops, on whom he placed the responsibility for shooting up Brownsville, Tex.

The Supreme Court of the United States affirmed the decree of the state court of Texas imposing a fine of \$1,623,000 on the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis and ousting it from the state on the charge of violating the Texas anti-trust law.

There were such exciting times in the house of the Texas legislature during the debate over the prohibition submission bill that the speaker had to send the sergeant-at-arms up in the galleries to quiet those who interrupted the members in their debate.

After a bitter debate the house of the Texas legislature took a deciding vote on the prohibition amendment providing for state-wide prohibition, which developed that the pros have lost their fight in the lower house of the Texas legislature.

More than 250,000 rabbits were shipped from Springfield, Mo., to St. Louis, New Orleans and Memphis markets during the past week. The snow last Monday caused such an unusual slaughter of cotton tails in the Ozarks that rabbits were sold at 1 cent each.

Consideration of proposed increases of salaries of federal judges was resumed by the Senate when the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was taken up. By a vote of 38 to 31 the salaries of 39 circuit judges were increased from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

An important provision in the military appropriation bill, which was ordered reported to the House, is that making radical changes in the complexion of the general staff of the army. It eliminates from the staff all officers with the rank of captain and half of those with the rank of major.

Richmond county, Ga., modestly proclaimed William H. Taft as its own—that he was a resident of Augusta when the presidential electors in the various states declared him to be president-elect, that as such he was a Georgian by birth and had lived where he was born all of his presidential life.

Twenty-five South Chicagoans have banded themselves together in a society which has for its sole purpose the cremation of its members when they die.

More than 100 cases of illness are reported from Bellevue, Avalon and other suburbs below Pittsburg, Pa., said to be caused by drinking water taken from the Ohio river below the mouths of Pittsburg sewers.

For the year ended October 31 last, the number of aliens arriving in this country was 655,263, while the departing aliens numbered 701,836, a net loss to the country of 46,576, according to a statement made by Secretary Straus.

Ohio will take a conspicuous part in the inauguration of William H. Taft. Party lines will, for the time being, be thrown aside and Judson Harmon, Democratic governor of that state, with his entire staff, will head the Ohio division of 3,000 troops.

Indications are that the production of coal in Oklahoma during the year 1908 was a decrease of 25 per cent compared with the production of the state in 1907. The decrease in Missouri was about 45 per cent, and that in Arkansas between 25 and 35 per cent.

Cortelyou will take charge of some financial institution instead of going into literature or oratory at a dollar a word. At a dollar a word, Cortelyou would never earn more than six bits a month in a strictly conversational engagement, says the Houston Post.

that Mrs. Cleveland, wife of the late ex-president, has been obliged to offer for sale the Cleveland homestead at Princeton, has revived the discussion of the advisability of granting a life pension to Mrs. Cleveland, as was done in the case of Mrs. Garfield and Mrs. McKinley.

Henry Pyles, a miner of Shinnston, W. Va., struck his wife with a pick, seriously injuring her, killed his son, Samuel, 26 years of age, and blew out his own brains with a shotgun. Pyles quarreled with his wife over some trivial matter, and when he struck her the son interfered.

What might have been considered an entirely new point of attack on the "Solid South" was made recently by the president-elect when he put in a good word for the warmth and ardor of Northern men "who know a good thing when they see it" in the charm and beauty of Southern young women.

During the song service preceding the sermon at the First Congregational Church at New Cambria, Mo., Sunday, fire started in the building, which was filled with people. The choir continued singing and the organist remained at the organ until the church was cleared, and no one was injured.

The fact that there was recently sent to Congress by President Roosevelt a report by the general staff of the army, which has just been made public, recommending fortifications for San Pedro harbor, California, was made the basis for suggestions that such decision had just been reached in view of the possibility of trouble with Japan.

Col. William F. Tucker, assistant paymaster general, a son-in-law of the late John A. Logan, has been ordered before an army retiring board at Chicago for examination to determine his fitness for further active duty. Colonel Tucker is still at Hot Springs, Ark., where he was ordered for treatment.

Overcome by grief when he was led to the casket where his wife lay dead, the first intimation he had of her demise, John Romboutz, 71, died. Mrs. Romboutz, who had lived 60 years in Cape Girardeau, Mo., died a week ago, and her attendants were unable to make her husband, deaf and weak from senility, understand. He was then led to the casket.

Quick to appreciate the plea that the fine arts has been denied that governmental consideration so universally accorded by other nations, as suggested by the American Institute of Architects, President Roosevelt has taken the first steps looking to their recognition by this government.

Mrs. Carry A. Nation, the Kansas "saloon smasher" and "loving home defender," arrived in Glasgow Monday, and was greeted by a mob of more than 3,000 people. Her reception was a decidedly mixed one, and the police and her friends had some difficulty in protecting her from the hustling of the crowd.

A story is afloat in the capital that President Roosevelt is on the eve of abandoning, or at least postponing indefinitely, his African hunting trip. The chief reason is the proceeding which has been started to punish Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World for criminal libel in connection with the Panama canal scandal.

Governor Deneen and the other state officers-elect were inaugurated in the hall of representatives in the state house at Springfield, Ill., in the presence of a large assemblage. The ceremonies of the official induction into office of the first governor in thirty years to be his own successor were simple in the extreme.

The National Anti-Saloon League, through its acting legislative superintendent, W. H. Anderson has sent to each member of congress a letter stating that while the league stands for ultimate absolute prohibition everywhere, it now believes that it is neither possible to secure nor wise to ask for absolute prohibition for the District of Columbia.

Active preparations for the protection of the public during the inaugural period have been begun by Major Sylvester, superintendent of police and chairman of the inaugural committee on public order. Special laws and regulations for the occasion are being prepared by Major Sylvester for the approval of the district commissioners.

It has been semi-officially stated that William R. Hearst and his attorneys are contemplating the prosecution of Gov. Haskell for the seizure of private papers belonging to Hearst's attorney, Scott McReynolds of Brooklyn, N. Y., including all data collected by McReynolds to be used as evidence by Hearst in the libel suit instituted against him by Haskell in Omaha, Neb.

Friends of Secretary James Wilson of the Department of Agriculture are not a little wrought up over the recent reports emanating from Augusta that Mr. Taft may not retain him in his cabinet. Members of the Iowa delegation in Congress have united in a letter, headed by Senators Dolliver and Cummins, urging Mr. Taft to appoint Mr. Wilson. This letter was signed by all the members of the delegation who were in Washington when it was sent.

In a statement made public the interstate commerce commission elucidates that provision of the law which authorizes the issue of free transportation or reduced rates to ministers of religion. Protests have been received by the commission against the construction placed on the provision by the clergy bureau of the Transcontinental Passenger Association, which has withdrawn special transportation privileges from many persons to whom hitherto they have been accorded.

President W. H. Thompson of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange has forwarded Secretary Wilson at Washington an urgent request for action on the resolution of the exchange favoring extension of the field for consumption of American cotton. The object is to have the department start a campaign of education as to the innumerable uses to which cotton can be put in place of articles of foreign import now used in American manufacture.

## MISSOURI NEWS

Oldest Editor in State Dead.

Bloomington.—William Osman, who is dead at Ottawa, aged 90, had the distinction of being the oldest editor in Illinois, working actively at his desk each day. He entered the employ of the Ottawa Free-trader in 1840 and had since been connected with that paper, owning the plant since the civil war. He served with distinction in the Mexican war. He was editor of the Chicago Democrat for a brief period prior to the civil war. He has long been a fearless and uncompromising Democrat, supporting all nominees of that party except Bryan in 1896. He has written the editorials of his paper almost entirely for more than forty years and was one of the best-known editors of the provincial press in the United States. His death was rather sudden, being stricken with acute Bright's disease but a short time ago.

Explosion Kills One; Maims Three.

Webb City.—One dead and three injured is the result of a premature explosion at the Bird Dog mine north of here. Zeke Gullett of Joplin was killed. The injured are Dan Richardson, who will lose an eye, Perry Cuppler and E. T. Norris. All will live. Gullett was tamping the hole at the moment and received the full force of the shot in the face. His head and upper part of the body were frightfully mutilated. He was thirty years old and unmarried.

Missouri Cities Owe \$31,063,008.

Jefferson City.—The bonded indebtedness of the cities and towns of Missouri, including St. Louis city, as reported to the state auditor on July 1, 1908, amounts to \$31,063,008, which shows a decrease over July 1, 1906, of \$874,658. The bonded indebtedness of counties and townships on July 1, 1908, amounted in the aggregate to \$5,771,450, showing a decrease of \$588,828 from that sort of indebtedness on July 1, 1906.

Hadley Argues for State.

Kansas City.—The chief feature in the Missouri railroad rate case in the federal court here was the address by Gov. Hadley for the state. His argument consumed about two hours' time. The governor criticised the tactics of the Missouri lines and declared that the division of state and interstate business was designed by carriers for legal purposes.

Work Resumed on Frisco Shops.

Springfield.—Work on the \$1,500,000 Frisco locomotive works has been resumed here and will be rushed to completion by July 1. The Arnold Construction Company, of Chicago, received orders to begin the work, and a force of men, steam shovels and other equipment were placed on the ground.

Salem Has a \$6000 Fire.

Salem.—Fire originating in the millinery store of Mrs. Ida Rutherford did damage to the amount of \$6000. The building occupied by Mrs. Rutherford was destroyed. The store room adjoining, occupied by W. H. Cattell, grocer, and an unoccupied building owned by O. F. Evans were damaged.

Charter for Trolley Line.

Springfield.—The secretary of state issued a license to incorporate the Waukegan, Rockford and Elgin Traction company. It is proposed to construct an electric road from Waukegan to Woodstock, Marengo, Rockford, Belvidere, Elgin, Antioch and Milburn.

Loten Dale Trial Begins.

Carmi.—The Loten Dale murder case was called for trial in the circuit court Thursday and the selection of a jury begun. Dale is charged with murdering John W. Fulford, a prominent horseman, on Main street in this city in March.

Charleston Goes Dry.

Charleston.—As the returns come in from the local option election, Saturday, the victory for the dries is more complete. Every one of the thirteen precincts gave a majority for the dries, with one precinct yet to hear from. Officially the majority is 718.

Latham Woman Suffers Paralysis.

Lincoln.—Mrs. Emeline Hunt, a resident of Latham, was found unconscious lying on the floor of her home, having suffered a severe stroke of paralysis. Her right side is paralyzed and her condition is considered critical.

Gas Company Attacks Law.

Chillicothe.—The constitutionality of the public utility enabling act, passed by the last legislature, is attacked in the proceedings recently heard in the Livingston county circuit court and which is now under advisement by Judge Trimble.

REALLY HAD NO KICK COME

According to Expert Opinion, Playwright Had Got Off Easy.

That Beerbohm Tree, the player, has a caustic wit is evidenced by an incident wherein he and an unknown playwright figured.

The writer had obtained permission to read his offering to Tree. The actor evinced no great degree of enthusiasm, either during or after the reading; but he did take the manuscript, upon which he scribbled hastily a few suggestions for its betterment.

"See here, Mr. Tree," was the indignant ejaculation of the ambitious playwright, "it's hardly fair of you to dispose of my work in this summary and nonchalant fashion. I'd have you know that this play cost me a year's hard labor!"

"So?" queried Tree. "My dear fellow, any impartial judge would give you at least five!"—Harper's Weekly.

Professor Munyon has just issued a most beautiful, useful and complete Almanac; it contains not only all the scientific information concerning the moon's phases, in all the latitudes, but has illustrated articles on how to read character by phrenology, palmistry and birth month. It also tells all about card reading, birth stones and their meaning, and gives the interpretation of dreams. It teaches beauty culture, manicuring, gives weights and measures, and antidotes for poison. In fact, it is a Magazine Almanac, that not only gives valuable information, but will afford much amusement for every member of the family, especially for parties and evening entertainments. Farmers and people in the rural districts will find this Almanac almost invaluable.

It will be sent to anyone absolutely free on application to the MUNYON REMEDY COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA.

KIND HEARTED JANE.



Mistress—Have you made the chicken broth, Jane?  
Jane—Yes, mum; and fed the chickens with it, ages ago!

At His Own Risk.

Caller (on crutches and with a bandage over one eye)—I have come, sir, to make application for the amount due on my accident insurance policy. I fell down a long flight of stairs the other evening and sustained damages that will disable me for a month to come.

Manager of Company—Young man, I have taken the trouble to investigate your case, and I find you are not entitled to anything. It could not be called an accident. You certainly know the young lady's father was at home.—Stray Stories.

Editorial Verdict.

From a serious-minded jester the editor received this note, together with a consignment of humor that was heavy enough to go by freight:

"Dear Sir: I read all these jokes to my wife, and she laughed heartily. Now, I have it on good authority that when a man's wife will laugh at his jokes they are bound to be very good—or she is. Yours, etc."

The editor slipped them into the return envelope with the letter, after writing on the margin: "She is."

JOY WORK

And the Other Kind.

Did you ever stand on a prominent corner at an early morning hour and watch the throngs of people on their way to work? Noting the number who were forcing themselves along because it meant their daily bread, and the others cheerfully and eagerly pursuing their way because of love of their work.

It is a fact that one's food has much to do with it. As an example:

If an engine has poor oil, or a boiler is fired with poor coal, a bad result is certain, isn't it?

Treating your stomach right is the keystone that sustains the arch of health's temple and you will find "Grape-Nuts" as a daily food is the most nourishing and beneficial you can use.

We have thousands of testimonials, real genuine little heart throbs, from people who simply tried Grape-Nuts out of curiosity—as a last resort—with the result that prompted the testimonial.

If you have never tried Grape-Nuts it's worth while to give it a fair impartial trial. Remember there are millions eating Grape-Nuts every day—they know, and we know if you will use Grape-Nuts every morning your work is more likely to be joy-work, because you can keep well, and with the brain well nourished work is a joy. Read the "Road to Wellville" in every package—"There's a Reason."